

Committee Minutes
Northeast Kansas Regionalization Committee
August 15th, 2006

A. Call to Order- The August 15th meeting was opened by Pat Collins.

B. Roll Call –

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| Bill Brubaker-KDEM | Danny Barnett-Atchison Co. |
| Todd Ackerman- City of Marysville | Steve Granzow- NEKS Hospitals |
| Gary Benjamin-Anderson Co. | Howard Giles-City of Topeka |
| Don Haynes-Jefferson Co. | Jack Taylor-Fire Services |
| Alison Mueller-Washington Co. | Pat Collins-Riley Co. /Chairman |
| Samuel Carlson-Nemaha Co. | Bill Walker-Fire Services |
| Midge Ramson-Public Health | Mark Bradford-Douglas Co. |
| Don Smies-Morris Co. | Steven Granzow- Hospital |
| Sheldon Hamilton-City of Atchison | Kathy Allen-E.M. |
| Richard Barta-Law Enforcement | Alan Radcliffe-E.M. |
| Ray Gonzalez-KHP-Emerg Ops. | Garry Berges-Geary Co. |
| Jonathan York-Marshall Co. | Melanie Lawrence-KHP Emerg. Ops |
| Lamar Shoemaker-Law Enforcement | Marvin Grimes-Anderson Co. |
| Brett Howard-Pott Co. /EMS | Dave Sterbenz-Topeka Fire |
| Roy Dunnaway-Law Enforcement | David Bogina-KHP |
| Susan Belt-KHP | Brad Hamilton-Jackson Co. |
| Shelia Dale-Osage Co. | Larry Woodson-Osage Co. |
| Anthony Buckland-Shawnee Co. | Cade Rensink-Extension Officer |
| J.D. Spradling-Miami Co. | |

Were present for the August 15th meeting held in Topeka, Kansas

C. Grant Committee Process Presentation-Howard Giles gave a presentation on the Grant Committee Process.

- ❖ First the Grant Committee asked for Requests/Letter of Applications
- ❖ Work Plan
- ❖ The Grant committee reviewed the Letters of Intent
- ❖ The Grant committee Evaluated and weighed the proposals
- ❖ The Grant Committee reported to the Council
- ❖ The Grant committee came up with a proposal of the top ten

The Grant Committee used a criteria to weigh the proposals:

- ❖ Value to the entire Region-40%
- ❖ Does it fit under an investment category-15%
- ❖ Geographic Location-15%
- ❖ Lack of Duplication-15%
- ❖ Capability and Capacity to maintain-15%

D. Individual Projects-

Please see attachment for the full description of each project and how it scored.

1. Investment: Deployable Response Resources
Project Name: Confined Space Rescue Equipment
Proposed By: Regional Technical Rescue Team

Description of Project: Requesting purchase of equipment and tools needed to move/breach walls in confined spaces after a structural collapse.

2. Investment: Expanded Regional Exercise
Project Name: Regional Exercises
Proposed By: NE Regional Council

Description of Project: Proposing one or more full-scale exercises that will involve at least 6 counties and be conducted twice, once in the a.m. and once in the p.m. Type of event for the exercise will be determined.

3. Investment: CBRNE/WMD Training
Project Name: Regional Training
Proposed By: NE Regional Council

Description of Project: Funds are requested to hold training classes within the NE Region. The classes being proposed are related to ICS, Agricultural events and FAD training.

4. Investment: Deployable Response Resources
Project Name: Purchase of DIDSON Unit
Proposed By: Regional Water Rescue Response Team

Description of Project: A request for funding for the purchase of a Dual Frequency Identification Sonar (DIDSON) unit, which is unique high definition sonar that uses acoustic lenses to image in dark, turbid water where optical systems are ineffective. This will be used for the dual purpose of protection of critical infrastructure related to homeland security and water rescue and recovery operations within the NE Region. The

equipment would be used for underwater structure inspection as well as evidence recovery. This piece of equipment sells for \$82,000.

5. Investment: Deployable Response Resources
Project Name: Regional Incident Management Team
Proposed By: Alan Radcliffe, Franklin County

Description: Requesting funds to provide training and equipment for a regional IMT. This IMT will be the NE regional portion of a statewide initiative to establish IMT's. These teams will be trained and equipped consistently in a manner that promotes interoperability in response and incident management.

6. Investment: Critical Infrastructure Protection Plan
Project Name: Vulnerability/Risk Analysis
Proposed By: NE County Emergency Management

Description of Project: Proposal for V/R Analysis for 17 counties in the NE Region and maintenance of plans for all 23 NE Region counties for one year. The risk analysis will include information on unusual environmental conditions, research and identification of populations and properties potentially affected by WMD events. It will determine the probability impact of cascading events such as chemicals incidents, weather and similar risks. The vulnerability analysis the impact on people, property, animals and the environment. It also includes an assessment of the vulnerability for the Top Three ranking chemical sites in each county. The analysis will be conducted by E-Fm.

7. Investment: CBRNE Equipment and Training
Project Name: Radiation Detection Equipment/Training
Proposed By: Kansas Haz-Mat Team #2

Description of Project: Requests funding to purchase cutting edge technology that, for the first time, will allow responders to be trained without using live low output radiation sources. This equipment would create a very realistic situation and would be a valuable asset in conducting WMD radiation training scenarios.

8. Investment: CBRNE/WMD Equipment (credentialing)
Project Name: Standardized Personnel Accountability System
Proposed By: Pat Collins, Riley County

Description of Project: This project will fund the purchase or enhancement of a Standardized Personnel Accountability System, including software and a laptop, for the various response agencies in the 23 counties in the NE Region. This system will also help the counties with NIMS compliance requirements for Resource Management and Credentialing.

9. Investment: Interoperable Communications
Project Name: Multi-Agency Communications
Proposed By: Kansas Haz-Mat #2

Description of Project: This stand-alone communication would be used when the team goes into an area outside of their radio communications capabilities. This equipment will allow the regional hazmat team to communicate directly with the on-the-scene agencies by assigning radios from this portable system. The ability for direct communication between the local responders and the regional hazmat team 2 increases the level of safety and lessens the risks of injuries and the chance for mistakes. This stand-alone system would be available for, not only regional hazmat response, but also for other disasters or incidents that require a multi-jurisdictional response.

10. Investment: Interoperable Communications
Project Name: Cross-band Repeaters
Proposed By: Pat Collins, Riley County

Description of Project: Funding the purchase of an ACU 1000 for each of the KHP/KDOT towers in the region. A common standardized system would enhance the ability of the 23 jurisdictions to provide day in and day out usage of the radio system, as well as, seamless mutual aid communications to regional communities during emergencies or disasters. The request is for 20 ACU 1000's including installation.

11. Investment: Expanded Regional Collaboration
Project Name: FMD Regional Planning Workshop
Proposed By: NE Region

Description of Project: The goal of this workshop is to engage partnership in planning activities to fully define a regional approach to Foot and Mouth (FMD) response. The outcome will aid counties in the NE Region to better understand response challenges across the diversity of agricultural interests because production centers are rarely completely contained by a county's borders

12. Investment: Deployable Response Resources
Project Name: Mobile Public Health Trailer
Proposed By: East Central Kansas Public Health Coalition

Description of Project: Requesting funds to purchase a mobile public health trailer, a prime mover for the trailer and supplies to be used to respond to regional public health needs, both routine and emergencies. The trailer would facilitate good public health practices by responders, as well as, provide additional resources for emergency prophylaxis or vaccinations. Counties within the Coalition would maintain the trailer, prime mover and supplies.

13. Investment: Deployable Response Resources

Project Name: Full Body Simulator

Proposed By: Pottawatomie County EMS

Description of Project: Request for funds to purchase a full body simulator so that all employees, first responders and volunteers have access to basic life support training. PEMS would like to provide FA, CPR and AED training to response personnel and citizens both in PT Co. and surrounding counties. The full body simulator is reusable and will provide years of training for all levels of certification.

14. Investment: Deployable Response Resources

Project Name: Mass Causality/Fatality Trailer

Proposed By: Lawrence-Douglas County Fire and Medical

Description of Project: Request for funding to purchase and maintain a mass causality/fatality trailer to respond to any mass causality/fatality event in the NE Region. The trailer would be staffed with two coroner science investigator paramedics and two regular paramedics for mass causality incidents. Douglas County has a prime mover that would be used to move the trailer to scenes within and outside Douglas County.

15. Investment: Deployable Response Resources

Project Name: Medical Response Equipment

Proposed By: Pottawatomie County EMS

Description of Project: Requesting funds for the purchase of a medically supplied ATV with trailer. PT. Co. remains at risk for a wide range of natural disasters, as well as, an opportunity for man-made or technological incidents. Tuttle Creek Reservoir and Jeffrey Energy Center, which has been designated as a critical infrastructure by the State of Kansas, are both located in Pottawatomie County.

16. Investment: CBRNE Equipment

Project Name: Personal Protective Equipment

Proposed By: Pottawatomie County EMS

Description of Project: Funding to purchase PPE for each of their medical units to replace the body fluid isolation (gowns, gloves and masks) that they are currently using. The PPE upgrade would include the purchase of two size runs of coveralls and two helmets per vehicle.

17. Investment: Interoperable Communications

Project Name: Interoperable Communications System Upgrade

Proposed By: Pottawatomie County, John Boyd, EMD

Description of Project: Requesting funds for an interoperable communications system upgrade for various response agencies in PT County and enable the surrounding

jurisdictions in the region to effectively communicate with the County's radio system during emergencies or disasters.

18. Investment: Interoperable Communications

Project Name: VHF Radios for Morris County Emergency Vehicles

Proposed By: Don Smies, Morris County EMD

Description of Project: Requesting funds to purchase 15 VHF radios to finish a project of putting a VHF radio in every emergency vehicle in Morris County. Currently in Morris Co. there are 11 fire trucks without radios or with a low-band radio. By providing these radios, the firefighters will have a frequency; of their own and will not have to use the EMS frequency they presently use.

19. Investment: Interoperable Communications

Project Name: Atchison City/County Public Safety Radio Communications Project

Proposed By: City Finance Director, Sheldon Hamilton

Description of Project: Request funds for the upgrade of radio equipment within the City of Atchison and Atchison County to improve interoperability between public safety agencies and to enhance interoperability communications and integrated technology countywide.

20. Investment: Interoperable Communications

Project Name: Reverse 911

Proposed By: Jonathan York EMD, Marshall County

Description of Project: Reverse 911 System is an interactive computer-aided notification system that utilizes databases and mapping technologies to contact citizens quickly in a specific geographic area, or a pre-defined list, in the event of an emergency. The Reverse 911 System would benefit primary and first responders in notifying citizens via telecommunications in the event of a natural, man-made or technological incident.

21. Investment:

Project Name: CIDRE Training

Proposed By: Regional Technical Rescue Team

Description of Project: This multi-agency training exercise incorporates all realms of responding to and mitigating a disaster, whether it involves a WMD, building collapse or explosion. It provides practical hands-on experience and capabilities. The request is for lodging, meals, back-fill and logistical support.

This training is not on the approved DHS training list and is therefore not eligible for grant funding.

Susan Belt had said that if the committee doesn't spend all the money that was budgeted to a certain investment that they can use it towards another investment. She had also told the committee that the DIDSON Unit was not authorize for our region because we don't have ports. The committee can appeal to the Department of Justice. If we lose the appeal we can then use the money for another investment.

Kathy Allen moved to accept the first ten proposals. Mark Bradford moved not to take the first ten instead take an individual vote on all the proposals. Alan Radcliffe seconds the motion.

Ballot was then passed out to the voting members.

D. Discussion on the Fiscal Agent-

Alan Radcliffe moved to speak with both prospective fiscal agents, City of Atchison and North Central Region Planning Committee, to find out what their purchasing policies and cost were. The committee on August 30th then can weigh each identity and vote. Don Haynes Second the motion and a unanimous vote from the committee.

E. Results of the votes-

1. Project #3- Regional Training
2. Project #1- Confined Space Rescue Equipment
3. Project #2- Regional Exercise
4. Project # 5- IMT
5. Project # 6- Vulnerability/Risk Analysis
6. Project # 8- Standardized Personnel Accountability System
7. Project # 7- Radiation Detection Equipment/Training
8. Project # 10- Cross-band Repeaters
9. Project # 4- DIDSON Unit
10. Project # 14 Mass Causality/Fatality Trailer
11. Project # 12- Mobile Public Health Trailer
12. Project # 9- Multi-Agency Communications
13. Project # 11- FMD Regional Planning Workshop
14. Project # 13-Full Body Simulator
15. Project # 18- VHF Radios for Morris County Emergency Vehicles
16. Project # 15- Medical Response Equipment
17. Project # 20- Reverse 911
18. Project # 17- Interoperable Communications System Upgrade
19. Project # 16- Personal Protective Equipment
20. Project # 19- Interoperable Communications

Please review the attachment for total votes on each proposal.

Garry Berges moved to accept the first ten top voted proposals. Alan Radcliffe seconds the motion and a unanimous vote from the committee.

Bill Walker moved to adjourn the meeting. Alan Radcliffe Second the motion.

[See attachments](#)